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1. The Dynamit-Nobel Works and the Apollo Refinery

- a. The Dynamit-Nobel works and the Apollo refinery, both in Bratislava, now belong to the same nationalized industrial combine. Together they employ 2,800 workers operating in three shifts.
- b. The Dynamit-Nobel plant produces 64,000 tons of superphosphates per month, 280 carloads of sulphuric acid, and 4 carloads of dynamite for the mining industry. Some oxygen and ammonia are also produced.
- c. The Apollo refinery manufactures some 450 tank carloads of synthetic "asoline" per month for export to Russia. The Soviets also receive 280 tank carloads of crude oil every month. One hundred tank carloads of gasoline are retained for home consumption.
- d. At one time the Apollo refinery possessed 10 distilling or cracking aggregates, but Allied bombing raids put all but four out of commission by the end of the war. In May 1949 another two aggregates were placed in working order again, and in October 1949 four more are expected to start operations. This will bring the refinery up to its old capacity.
- e. The refinery originally possessed six fuel reservoirs which were located between the winter harbor and the Danube. Fourteen more were recently constructed, and these are connected by pipeline with the refinery. An unidentified new plant of the Apollo complex is being built opposite these new reservoirs, across the Small Danube (a branch of the river forking off just below Bratislava).

2. Kablo Cable Plant at Bratislava

The Kablo cable plant at Bratislava currently employs 1,100 workers and an office staff of 200. Work is conducted in two eight-hour shifts.

3. Patronka Cartridge Works

The Patronka cartridge works at Bratislava, which were closed down after 1945, are again being opened for operation.

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plant is at present turning out synthetic Anal.

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